

## MEDIA INQUIRY REPORT

Site: A.L. Taylor  
Break: 13.1

The following inquiry related to Hazardous Materials &amp; Waste Management

was received at 10:30 a.m. 8-28-80 (Bureau or Division) from Doug Simmons, 502-737-8000, 8001  
representing WQXE Radio (time) (date) in Elizabethtown (name)  
(medium) (city)

Query and response (include background information if needed):

Wants to do update on Valley of Drums cleanup and cleanup of Hardin County brickyard. Is Valley cleanup still under way? How much removed and how much remains? Wants same info about brickyard.

Information from Art Curtis, HMWM compliance branch: The known companies that were generators of this waste have voluntarily picked up all they could identify as theirs and properly disposed of it. This was a cooperative effort with generators. Process just about finished until get money for us to do our part. We've had some local manufacturers step forward and try to identify any materials of theirs that might be there, but didn't find any. Porter Baint of Louisville was one. That phase of it ends this week. We've purchased backhoe and dump truck that department will be using in its continued efforts to clean up the site. About 25% of the material has been removed.

Information from John Brooks, HMWM environmental supervisor, Louisville: Nothing has been removed from Hardin County brickyard yet. Settlement order signed June 30 gave Donald Distler 90 days to sample and analyze all the materials at the brickyard, submit results to department, decide which are hazardous and which are non-hazardous, and submit plan for disposal. Work there to be done under supervision of HMWM representatives. Then will have 60 days in which to dispose of all the barrels. Department may grant permission to dispose of empty barrels during 90-day sampling period. During last two months, have been moving barrels onto large concrete area, stacking in rows on concrete so won't get into ground; finding out what kind of materials in them. Ky Liquid Recycling and Distler have until Sept. 30 on this phase. He plans to pump liquid out of barrels into tanks, may be able to sell as fuel. By Nov. 30, under order, all the drums are supposed to be removed. About 435 empty drums have been separated, stacked to one side. John Brooks and Pete Bolig there most of time.



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